



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **ATTN: BOX RCE**  
Shigenori TERADA et al. : Docket No. 2001-0900A  
Serial No. 09/869,260 : Group Art Unit 1772  
Filed June 27, 2001 : Examiner C. Bruenjes  
**BIODEGRADABLE BAG**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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